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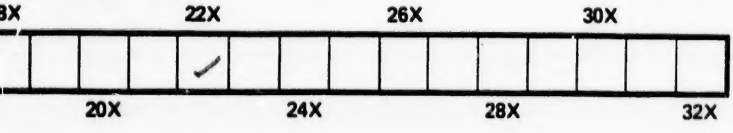

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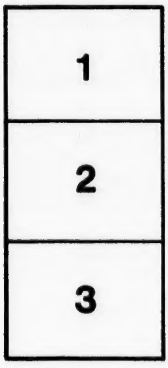

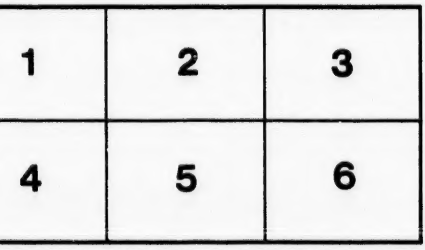

Address of His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa, and Clergy, to His Holiness Pius IX.

MOST HOLY FATHER:—

Before leaving the City of Ottawa, where we are at present assembled for the exercises of the Pastoral Retreat, we are anxious, in prostrating ourselves at the feet of Your Holiness, to express our filial piety and the sentiments which we at present experience. Though separated by considerable distance from Your Holiness, we have never ceased, with anxious solicitude, to watch your sad career during many years past. Your Holiness' sufferings have also been ours; your pains and consolations we have also shared.

When lately, for the alleviation of Your sorrow, and also to give an earnest proof of that life, ever new, which animates the Catholic world, the Bishops of every nation at once obedient to your voice, hastened, with eager fervour at the first call, to the City of Rome, bringing with them both the wishes and the faith of their respective Churches; our thoughts and affections followed them. With them we prostrated ourselves at your feet, to hear your words; to receive your teaching, and obtain, with affection, that choicest Benediction which consoles and fortifies the soul and prepares it to undergo the greatest sacrifices.

Like them, have we admired the Pontiff who, though humbled by injustice, yet not the less respected; who though he be tried, is not less amiable; who though unrighteously plundered, is not the less firm; who though threatened with a fearful catastrophe is not the less confident. Like them, have we execrated with feelings of horror, the attempts of those modern vandals, who, having invaded the greater portion of your inheritance; would lessen your territory, and despoil that treasury erected at the expense of the greatest sacrifices and with the most rigid economy. We have approved of your struggles and admired your dignified resistance. We have condemned, by our protestations, the impious and wanton doctrines of those who would feign justify the errors and crimes which, up to this time, characterized the Italian revolution.

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Like them and with them we hold as orthodox that which Your Holiness proclaims to be so; censure that which you condemn; and love that which Your Holiness loves and approves. We know that in attaching ourselves to the See of Rome we are also attached to the centre of unity, to follow the Successor of St. Peter. We follow Jesus Christ, to love your authority. We also adhere to the truth since it is in the name of Him who has the words of eternal life that you order and direct. Rome has ever been for us a great and noble city, the grand bulwark of Catholicity and the Mother of all Churches, but she has increased still more in these days of her ordeal, and she has become, with still more justice, the chief, the centre, and the queen of the Catholic world; and the Pontiff who reigns within her walls and guides her destinies with a dignified courage; and illumines her by the practice of the most heroic virtues, we look upon as a Pontiff above all human comparison.

Long then most illustrious Pontiff may you reign for the consolation of your children, the triumph of truth, the welfare of our Holy Church, and the confusion of our enemies; and may there be granted to Your Holiness, after these days of trial, peace and the happy tranquility of brighter years, yet to come, to efface the long and sad experiences to which Your Holiness has been subjected.

Prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness, we humbly supplicate and ask the Apostolic Benediction for the chief pastor of our diocese and also for the clergy and the flocks committed to their care.

† Jos. Eugene, Bishop of Ottawa
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